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SUBJECT: ALLENDE'S WIDOW VISITS DUBLIN

1. MRS. HORTENSE ALLENDE, WIDOW OF PRESIDENT ALLENDE OF CHILE, ARRIVED IN DUBLIN SEPTEMBER 16 FOR A SHORT VISIT. THE PURPOSE OF HER VISIT WAS TO ADDRESS A PUBLIC MEETING THAT EVENING ORGANIZED BY THE CHILE SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE TO MARK THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE MILITARY COUP IN WHICH PRESIDENT ALLENDE DIED. UPON ARRIVAL AT THE AIRPORT MRS. ALLENDE STATED THAT SHE WOULD BE ASKING MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS FITZGERALD FOR IRELAND'S SUPPORT FOR A UN RESOLUTION CALLING FOR MILITARY AND ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST CHILE.

2. THE PUBLIC MEETING ORGANIZED BY THE CHILE SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE WAS HELD AT THE MANSION HOUSE, THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCE OF THE LORD MAYOR OF DUBLIN. AT THE MEETING MRS. ALLENDE DESCRIBED CURRENT CONDITIONS IN CHILE AS BEING HORRIBLE BEYOND BELIEF AND SHE APPEALED FOR PRESSURE

AGAINST THE PRESENT CHILEAN JUNTA, INCLUDING POLITICAL SANCTIONS AND A TOTAL ECONOMIC BOYCOTT. SHE ALSO APPEALED FOR THE DOORS TO BE KEPT OPEN FOR CHILEAN REFUGEES, OF WHOM THERE ARE ALREADY ABOUT 100 IN IRELAND. MR. MICHAEL O'KENNEDY, OPPOSITION SPOKESMAN ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN DAIL (IRISH PARLIAMENT), TOLD THE MEETING THAT THE TRAGEDY OF CHILE WAS "THAT A DEMOCRATIC UNCLASSIFIED

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GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN OVERTHROWN BY SOME GOVERNMENTS WHICH TRIED TO

PROCLAIM THEIR OWN DEMOCRACY." SENATOR MICHAEL MULLEN, WHO IS
GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE IRISH TRANSPORT AND GENERAL WORKERS'
UNION, STATED THAT PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE
DESTRUCTION OF DEMOCRACY IN CHILE RESTED WITH THE UNITED STATES.
REGARDING THE COUP, MRS. ALLENDE STATED THAT THERE WAS NO DOUBT
ABOUT THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, THE PENTAGON
AND THE CIA.

3. MRS. ALLENDE REPORTEDLY PAID A CALL ON MINISTER FOR FOREIGN
AFFAIRS FITZGERALD, BUT THERE HAVE BEEN NO REPORTS ON WHAT TRANSPIRED.

SHE ALSO PAID A PRIVATE VISIT TO PRESIDENT O'DALAIGH AT HIS OFFICIAL
RESIDENCE. MRS. ALLENDE WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY
MR. FRANK CLUSKEY, PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH
AND SOCIAL WELFARE, AT WHICH TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH OF THE
DAIL PARTIES WERE PRESENT.
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